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In the Field of Politics.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw made a political address at Mason Park, Chicago, on September 20. His speech was confined to the political issues of the day, and he disappointed many in not referring to the Henderson withdrawal. Other speakers were Congressmen Foss, Boutell, and Mann.

Senator Charles W. Fairbanks opened the republican campaign in Indiana at Newcastle on September 20. He said regarding the tariff:

"The republican party may be relied upon to modify tariff schedules whenever their modification is demanded in the interest of sound and wholesome industry and commerce, and the modification will never be made to destroy, but to build up. We realize that in the evolution of production, under changed conditions, schedules from time to time need modification; that is to say, a rate of duty imposed upon a specific article today because of improved methods in production or otherwise, may be found to be greater than necessary a few years hence, but we should have a care that modifications are made in accordance with the essential principles of protection. There should be a clear and definite reason for making changes. They should be made after they shall have been found to be necessary. There should be no hesitancy in modifying any schedule if the duty imposed therein should be shown to work injury to our own producers or to our own commerce, or if it shall be found to be greater than is necessary to fully protect American industries and labor.

"It is not necessary to wait until all the schedules require revision. The subject must be considered in no narrow, technical or vexatious way, but in a broad way; it must not be considered in a way to disturb legitimate enterprise, but in a manner to promote its stability. Changes made in schedules along free trade lines are always disquieting and hurtful, but if made upon the clearest and fullest intelligent reconsideration of the protective principle no legitimate enterprise can do otherwise than prosper.

"It should be borne in mind that if the tariff is removed from articles with respect to which trusts are formed, not only the trusts would suffer, but all of their smaller competitors would suffer as well. It is entirely probable that in the end the independent or smaller producers would be the greater sufferers and that the larger producers would be more securely entrenched in power by the destruction of their independent competitors."

At the republican congressional convention of the Second Nebraska district held at Omaha, Neb., on September 20, Congressman D. H. Mercer was renominated. The contest was marked by a bitter factional feeling among republicans of the district.

A special dispatch to the Omaha World-Herald from Hastings, Neb., tells of the interesting political situation there. It relates to the efforts of United States Senator Dietrich of Nebraska to control the party organization of that district, and says:

The anti-Dietrich element set out on a united and aggressive plan to capture the primaries and defeat the plans of Dietrich to capture the county convention and dictate the nominations, especially the nominee for state senator. Long since Dietrich, through his political mouthpieces, has named his choice. Yesterday Dietrich suddenly found himself confronted with the fact that the antis, led by M. A. Hartigan,

Leopold Hahn, J. C. Hedge, F. P. Olmstead and a score of other equally reputable men in the party, were so overwhelmingly in the field as to foreshadow a cinch in controlling the caucuses and in turn the county convention. Not caring to meet with a humiliating defeat, he personally called upon some of the anti candidates and tried to compromise and reciprocate on promises, but they turned him down and practically warned him that they would not allow him or his preferred candidates to be in it.

According to a Washington dispatch, advices from Nevada indicate that the republicans are not making a very active canvass and that the state has been substantially abandoned to the democrats who, under the leadership of Representative Newlands, are making a vigorous campaign. An Associated press dispatch says:

"Should Mr. Newlands be elected to the senate he proposes to make anti-trust legislation an object of special consideration, as he has done in the house. While he thoroughly indorses the anti-trust speeches made by the president on his tours, he maintains that the president and his party are not in accord, and that sooner or later the trust magnates who control the republican party—according to Mr. Newlands—will shelve the president because of his anti-trust theories.

The state republican convention of New York named the following ticket on September 24: For governor, B. B. Odell, jr., of Orange; lieutenant governor, F. W. Higgins of Cattaraugus; secretary of state, John F. O'Brien of Clinton; treasurer, John G. Wickser of Erie; attorney general, Henry B. Coman of Madison; comptroller, N. B. Miller of Cortland; engineer, E. A. Bond of Jefferson; judge of the court of appeals, W. E. Werner of Monroe.

On the subjects of the tariff and trusts, the platform says:

"The integrity of the protective principle must be preserved. The principle is required to maintain the highest scale of American wages and the supremacy of the American workshop.

"While we would encourage business enterprises which have for their object the extension of trade and the upbuilding of our state, we condemn all combinations and monopolies in whatever form having for their purpose the destruction of competition in legitimate enterprise, the limitation of production in any field of labor, or the increase of cost to the consumer of the necessities of life and we pledge the party to the support of such legislation as will suppress and prevent the organization of such illegal combinations."

The democratic convention of the Third congressional district of California nominated Calvin B. White for congress on September 24.

A dispatch from Waterloo, Ia., under date of September 24, says:

Former Governor Horace Boies today made public his letter accepting the democratic nomination for congress in the Third Iowa district now represented by Speaker Henderson. The letter is devoted entirely to the trusts and the tariff and the only adequate remedy for the evil with which trusts are charged is declared to be the removal of the tariff on trust-made products. He declares the trust question to be the most important that now agitates the public mind.

The letter says in part: "The teachings of democrats logically lead them to believe that our

protective tariff system has made the organization of these trusts possible and so long as it is continued they will furnish a defensive breastwork behind which they will find shelter from every shaft that could reach a vital part.

"The futility of legislation, other than tariff reduction in restraint of such action is to them demonstrated by the fact that the great bulk of our trusts have been openly organized in the face of trust laws carefully prepared and incorporated into the statutes of the nation and many of the states."

Mr. Boies continues: "The democratic doctrine is that a tax on consumers can be rightfully laid for one purpose only and that to raise needed revenue for the government. This doctrine must be interpreted in the light of conditions as they exist when it is applied."

Then, speaking of the position of democrats, he says:

"It is the heart of the trust they would reach. To do this, they know the wall that shelters it must be battered down at the place where it is concealed. If this should reduce our tariff system below a revenue basis they would help to build it up higher whenever or wherever a trust is not sheltered behind it. This is the present day doctrine of a tariff for revenue only as I understand it, and as I shall interpret it if I go to congress."

George H. Durand of Flint, Mich., who was nominated as the democratic candidate for governor of the state, has withdrawn on account of illness.

The democrats of the Eleventh congressional district of Iowa have selected J. M. Parsons of Rock Rapids, as candidate for congress.

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